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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicant herewith makes of record the following publications which may be material during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 3,771,586 (Waring)

German Publication No. DE 823 322, published December 3, 1951

German Publication No. DE 823 778, published December 6, 1951

German Publication No. DE 1508800 published December 17, 1970

European Publication No. 152 626 , published March 16, 1988, including English

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PCT Publication No. WO 91/12910, published September 5, 1991

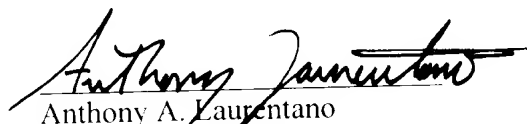
These references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding International patent application PCT/DE00/04134 and in the examination of the parent application, German Patent No. 199 56 479.5. Since the International Search Report and publications therein have previously been transmitted to all the designated Offices by the International Bureau, Applicant does not enclose copies of those publications (A1, A2, A3 and A6). Applicant, however, encloses copies of publications (A4 and A5) cited in the examination of German Patent No. 199 56 479.5. A reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompanies this statement.

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